(b) Provision of drinking water in the problem areas.

(c) Implementation of Contingency Plans for production of alternate crops.

(d) Revamping, repair and restoration of irrigation schemes to generate additional irrigation potential.

(e) Augmentation of electric supply for irrigation purposes.

(f) Contingency Planning for prevention of epidemics and storage and distribution of fodder for cattle.

(g) Nutrition programmes for vulnerable sections of society like children, lectating mothers and indigents.

Financial Assistance for Agricultural Sector in Punjab

535. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Punjab has sought financial assistance for the development of agricultural sector; and

(b) if so, the decision of the central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b): Punjab Government have not sought specific financial assistance for any project on general agriculture development. Requests are made by the State Government from time to time for assistance/increase in allocation under various Central Government Schemes. In most of the cases, the State Government could receive favourable decision from the Central Government.

Public Investment in Agriculture

536. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steep decline in the public investment in Agriculture since 1989-90 uptil now;

(b) what is the proposed investment in Agriculture in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) whether Government are confident of achieving 240 million tonnes of foodgrains production by the turn of the century; and

(d) if not whether Government have formulated contingency plans to meet the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Gross Capital formation in agriculture in public sector since 1989-90 is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

	At current prices	At 1980-81 prices
1989-90	3050	1157
1990-91	3480	1221
1991-92	3465£	1043£

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(b) Total investment in agriculture sector during the Eighth Plan, both public and private, are proposed at Rs. 148,800 crores at 1991-92 prices.

(c) and (d) Government are confident of achieving the required level of foodgrains production to meet the demand by the turn of the Century. The required level of production will be achieved through a regionally more broad-based pattern of growth, efficient utilisation of the created facilities of irrigation, development of rainfed areas and maintaining a continuous flow of economically viable improved technology and inputs.

Procurement of Liquid Milk by NDDB

537. SHRI SOM PAL:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total procurement of Liquid milk by the National Dairy Development (NDDB) in the country State-wise;

(b) what are the quantities of milk and milk products being produced and distributed by NDDB; and

(c) what is the gap between the quantum of milk procured from indigenous sources and the quantity required to maintain the present production level of NDDB and from what sources this gap is met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) procures liquid milk only for its unit Mother Dairy, Delhi and on behalf of the Government of West Bengal manages Mother Dairy, Calcutta. The details of the procurement and marketing of milk of these two units during the period April, 92 to February, 93 are as under:—

	Procurement (Thousand Kgs. per day)	Marketing Thousand litres per day
Mother Dairy Delhi	306.91	579.24
Mother Dairy Calcutta	145.73	326.34

(c) The gap between the quantum of milk procured and marketed by the Mother Dairies of Delhi and Calcutta is due to the type of milk being marketed. There is always some level of reconstitution of conserved commodities into liquid milk from indigenous sources.

Commercialisation of Research and Development Activities by ICAR

538. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) is thinking in terms of com-